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CAMPBELL ISLAND

IS a place of beauty. Green pastures filled with horses abound everywhere and if you are a sportsman, hunting and fishing gets you more than you can eat. This is the way I have pictured Campbell Island after seeing movies and QSLs over the years. But there is another side to the story, one that you can't see in the photos or on QSL cards.

RATS, thousands and thousands of rats. If you happen to be a pied piper, you are needed by people of New Zealand's southernmost possession.

They arrived on the island in the last century by the ships of sealers and whalers and have exploded to such vast numbers that even the scientists despair of controlling them.

They are so well adapted to their forbidding environment that they can live on grass, seeds and leaves. They have wiped out entire bird species on the island and prevents re-establishment while they remain. It has been said that Campbell may be the most overrun rat island in the world. If you set 100 traps, you catch 100 rats but they raise faster than they can be trapped. Most are brown or Norway rats and those that have been dissected for study are very healthy and weight about one pound. A rodent ecologist thinks there must be hundreds of thousands and can't be kept in check since they have no natural predators such as cats or weasels as other islands do. A lot do die only because they boom in numbers and competition for food causes death.

Poisoning is costly and only blows a hole in the mass of rats. If one pregnant female is left alive, it takes only three years to rebuild the population. Local control around the houses normally keep them in check. It takes a few months to

get use to them when you first move to the island.

You learn quickly that if you happen to get one cornered in the house, it will snarl and growl. This is a warning you should pay attention to.

You also learn to move quickly when you step out back to throw the scraps of food away, they come from everywhere.

The ecologist feel the only hope they have of getting rid of them is by a natural disease, but as yet there is nothing in sight.

XZ C9 ET 5U S2

Have you worked a good one lately. I think it may some time yet. But you may consider this while waiting. We know if a country has stated they allow no operation from their area and ARRL has it on file, then nothing but a retraction will change the matter. What if no letter is on file? Then my friends all they need is a valid license from a country that by now doesn't know how to issue one.

As it stands now:

S2.... letter on file and a verbal that only club members first when it starts up again. Remember BY1 ?

XZ.... letter on file via the IARU.

C9.... no letter on file, only a write up in Jim Cains bulletin that a ZS had info stating NO.. this one may be possible.

ET.... letter on file via the IARU

SU.... no letter on file but an amateur works in their PTT and can't get one.

You must remember that if one of the above happens to be a satellite controlled by a mother country, security as well as their telecommunications will be considered. A new countries banned list will solve it***

QSL AND DX INFORMATION

Our KP4 and others friends that are located below south of 20 degrees N. may operate SSB from 7075-7100. Hooray for them but how did it happen? They asked for, stayed on the horn till it passed while the rest of us mostly sat on our can. It is effective 0001Z 28 Feb 86

VO1OC/S2 so far is only rumor...D68CF is active on 20, via F6FNU...D2BCW has been worked often, via BX 66 Luanda, Angola, mostly by EU...P4/KQ2M Jan 13-20 via Bx 743, Stoney Brook, NY 11790...The HS operators will be on for the CQ WW

WPX contest, 29-30 Mar...DJ9ON/S9 via CBA...DK9KX/S9 via CBATZ6FE via DL4BC...

The 3B8 operators will spend 12 days at 3B9 and FR/G shortly...VU7HMD no good per VU2NR who checked with their PTT...FR7AI/T delayed due to a bad storm. Look fast since he leaves app Mar 1st...FT8XB, 0100Z, 7078...VK9ZB, 0845Z, 7240 Mondays and 2200Z, 21250 on Sun...YV5ANE has logs for YV0AA if you have a need...RL8PYC Tx 7074, Rx 7158, 0300Z...F6FGX, Jacky, ex TT8CW is now JR1KQU for 1½ years...Ck with VCC for the sked set up/w Ron at ZK3 on 40/80. Remember to send \$1 & QSL to KD4RH for all ZK3 contacts for box shipment together...

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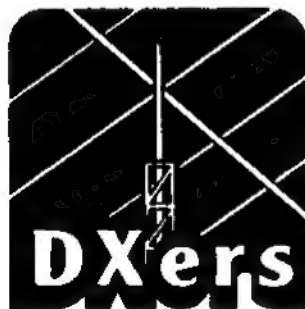
WANTED: Eimac SK-410 & 406 sockets and chimneys for the J-500Z tubes; call Don WA8MAZ 3618 Gustar Ct, Clt NC 28212 or N4ZC...

REMEMBER: 1986 DUES, SEND TO KD4RH.....KD4RH's new address is Box 3663.....THE repeater fund.....THE training committee.....QSLs by W4MPY when renewing.....

FCC: (PRB-2, has denied a request of Lee Shoblom of Arizona, amateur and owner of a low power TV station to change or waiver sections 97.110 & 97.113 to permit gathering of news via amateur radio for commercial purposes.

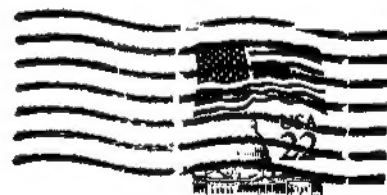
FCC ACTIONS TAKEN AGAINST HAMS IN 85: W6VCE California, 2 meter interference, license revoked:: W400 Fla, excessive power/interference, fined \$550 but refused to pay and then the court fined him \$2400:: WD4SHP Tenn 2 meter jamming/obscene language/out of band operation, license revoked:: KA00HH MO, interfered with a fire dept freq, trial was set for Jul 16 but he submitted his license for cancellation on Jul 1 on the understanding he could reapply in 9 months:: K6KPS Cal, disrupting communication on 20 meters by calling CQ and not responding or talking to non existent stations, violation was "broadcasting" (sec 97.113) fined \$2000.

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